

Remarks

Claims 11, and 16 – 19 were allowed in the 03/10/2009 office action.

Claims 13, 14, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cen et al. (US 6,632,420) in view of Tasubaki et al. (US 5,474,686)

Claims 13, 14, 20, and 21 have been canceled with this amendment.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The present response is being submitted within the 3 month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees that should be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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